Year	Assistance sought	Assistance provided
1991-92	M/s. Girijan Coop. Corpn. Ltd. for installation of modern honey processing plant with other infrastructure facilities.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 17.10 lakhs
Do.	M/s. Girijan Coop. Society Ltd., Vizag for promotion of commercial mushroom production in tribal areas of Andhra Pradesh.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 17.21 lakhs
Do.	M/s. Girijan Coop. Corpn. Ltd., for preparation of a Techno-economic Report on growing of pineapple, aspurgas, bamboo shoots and baby corn.	Action has been initiated.
1992-93	Andhra Pradesh Fisheries Corpn., for setting up Cold Chain in fisheries.	Grant-in-aid for Rs. 39.5 lakhs.
Do.	A proposal from a private entrepreneur was received for establishing a poultry processing plant at a cost of Rs. 258.25 lakhs.	Action has been initiated.

Incentives to Entrepreneurs in food processing industries

1029. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES *be* pleased to state :

(a) what ate the incentives being given to entrepreneurs in the food processing industry;

(b) what is the number of units State-wise and item-wise functioning in the industry; and

(c) what is the number of applications which are still pending ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) Several incentives are provided to entrepreneurs for setting up the food processing industries. Under the new Industrial Policy, a large number of food processing industries have been placed in the high priority list. Subject to Socational criteria, requirements of industrial licence for manufacture of majority of the food products have been done away with except for beer and potable alcohol and the items reserved for exclusive manufacture in small scale sector. Scheme of automatic approval for foreign collaboration upto *Si%* foreign equity have been atmounoed and procedures for foreign collaboration and technology agreement have been simplified. Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and Overseas Corporate Bodies predominently owned by NRIs are permitted to invest upto 100% of the equity in these industries. Fiscal incentives such as removal and/or reduction of Union excise duty for certain food products, glass containers etc. and reduction in customs duty for plant and machinery and for project import that have been provided can be availed by all food processing industries. Besides, this Ministry has also formulated several developmental plan schemes which seek to provide assistance for setting up of food processing industries.

(b) While information in regard to all food processing industries is not maintained centrally, information with regard to number of rice mills, roller flour mills. fruits and vegetables processing units and sweatened aerated water manufacturing units that are registered under FPO' and fish processing units, statewise are given in annexure *[See* Appendix CLXV, Annexure No. 151.

(c) while all food processing industries •> except for beer and alcohol have been delicensed, the information regarding the number of beer and alcohol cases pending is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.